Beginning this month, we will be the first congregation in the country to create a department of engagement – shifting our resources to member and community outreach. We are grateful to the Marcus Foundation for enabling us to make this dream a reality at The Temple. This department will be charged with connecting Temple members to each other, our clergy, worship, social justice, Jewish learning, Israel, God, and our community. We will accomplish this new paradigm by organizing a thorough listening campaign of our membership, tracking the relationships of our members, organizing the congregation into small groups (including Temple in the Neighborhood), creating a coffee shop for gathering, and designing innovative opportunities for involvement for our baby boomers, young adults, interfaith families, and youth. Our engagement team will be led by Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Sharon Graetz, and Zachary Hoffman. They will join with all of our clergy and staff in creating a sacred community that is guided by an effort to help each of us find meaning and purpose in our lives. We look forward to sharing more about this initiative with you over the coming months. In the meantime, please welcome Lydia, Sharon, and Zachary to The Temple family.

L’shalom,
Rabbi Peter S. Berg

An Interview with Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Director of Congregational Engagement and Outreach

Interview by Sydni Rubenstein

When Rabbi Berg asked me to interview Rabbi Lydia Medwin, our new Director of Congregational Engagement and Outreach, I quickly realized that this would be much more than a simple ‘getting to know you’-type article. With Rabbi Medwin comes an exciting new chapter in the growth and evolution of our synagogue. Over the next few years, Rabbi Medwin and her team will help our congregation shift to a “relationship-driven model.”

Some of the groundwork for this major paradigm shift is rooted in the success of the Open Jewish Project (our young adult outreach (continued on page 4)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 4
Shabbat Chapel Worship.........................6:00 PM
Welcome our Engagement Team

SATURDAY, JULY 5
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service...........10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 11
Shabbat Worship Service.......................6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 12
Mini Shabbat Morning with a Splash .... 9:30 AM
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service...........10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JULY 18
Shabbat Worship Service.......................6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 19
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service...........10:30 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
Shabbat Worship Service.......................6:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 26
Shabbat Chapel Worship Service..........10:30 AM

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MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Families of:

- Harold Weiss (father of Jan Haber)
- Tony Goodwin (husband of Lisa)

Mazal Tov to...

- Emily and Grant Mogan on the birth of their son Ayden and to big sister, Avery.
- Carol and Travis Weitz on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Chase (K.C.), and to big sister, Libba.
- Meg and Justin Bluth on the birth of Aliza Jane and to big sister, Ezri.
- Adam Hart Goldfarb and Lyllian Fay Mahana on their marriage.
- Eitam Segal & Veronica Faith Manchel on their marriage and to Veronica’s parents, Howard & Janet.
- Judy Lipshutz for serving on the National Leadership Council for Association of Reform Zionists of America.
- Rabbi Peter Berg on receiving the Gerald H. Cohen Community Development Award from Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta.
- Rabbi Alvin M. Sugarman for being named 2014 Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by Greater Atlanta Chapter of AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals).

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

- Deborah & Kevin Blase
  Ethan, Brooke & Reese
- Dr. Jose Diaz & Steven Cox
  Elysia
- Amy & Pete Dosik
  Noah
- Jennifer & Michael Leavey
  Jacob, Benjamin
- Gail & J. L. “Chip” Mack, III
- Diane & Walter Orenstein
- Adam Moreland

CARING AT THE TEMPLE

Thanks to our Caring at The Temple volunteers who delivered soup this month:
Betsy Fleisig
Rhonda Klein
Jessica Landisman Williams
Sharyn Mulqueen
Leslie Stone
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For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rabbi David Spinrad at dspinrad@the-temple.org or 404-873-1731.
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Naming of our granddaughter, Georgina Margaret Coddon .... Susan & L.D. Coddon
Recovery of Betty Jacobson ...... Joe & Emilie Haas
In appreciation of my Bat Mitzvah .......... Jackie Kanfer
Bat Mitzvah of Violet Reeves .......... Rabbi Frederick & Laureen Reeves
Bat Mitzvah of Janet Rice ............ Dennis Rice
Our son Will's Bar Mitzvah .... Christy & Paul Rosenblatt
Our son Jonah's Brit ............ Dawn & Adam Rosenblatt
Recovery of Michel Rubenstein ... Joan & Donald Brown
My Birthday .................. Fred O. Scheer
Bar Mitzvah of our son, Isaac ...... Ellen & Eric Schwartz
Naming of our daughter, Sophie ...... Marc & Laura Skalla
Naming of our daughter, Edie Gold Taylor .......... Leah & Chip Taylor
Recovery of Carolyn Wasser ...... Barbara & Alan Smith
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B'nei Mitzvah of Max & Kylie Blank .... Arthur Blank
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Jack Taft's 80th Birthday .......... Hazel Berger
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Alvin Lukashok ................. Sophie Lukashok

IN HONOR OF: Jonathan Amisler’s Presidency ...... Annette & Jack Rau
Confirmation of Eli Levy .......... Jackie & Tony Montag

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Speedy recovery of Hal Abrams .......... Faye Frankel

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Birthday & speedy recovery of Linda Feld ...... Jean Berger
The naming of Adelaide Ross ...... Jennifer & David Trettick
We appreciate all donations & suggest a minimum of $10.00 per acknowledgement. Donations can be earmarked to one of our various donations funds. For more information on the various funds and their purpose in funding The Temple’s legacy and operations, please contact Rita Zadoff at 404-873-1731, You can make donations in person, over the phone, or via our website at WWW.THE-TEMPLE.ORG
BREMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
The Temple Breman Religious School begins August 24 for pre-kindergarten through 10th grade. We would love to speak with you about our school. TBRS strives to promote positive Jewish identity in a fun and interactive learning environment. Contact Rabbi Rau, Elizabeth Foster or Stephanie Fields in the religious school office at 404-873-1734 to learn more about our exciting programming. We hope you will join us!

Returning Families: Please contact Diana Lerner in the religious school office at 404-873-1734 or dlerner@the-temple.org if you have not received a registration packet in the mail. All forms are due by August 8th to avoid late fees.

HONEY SALES
Rosh Hashanah is coming and that means you’ll need to stock up on honey. ORT will ship a personalized package, including a festive 8-ounce jar of Kosher clover honey, a card, and a blessing for the new year, anywhere in the United States. Send your family and friends honey and support The Temple’s Breman Religious School. Just go to www.orthoney.com/TGA and follow the easy online steps. Orders must be placed by July 21st to receive free shipping. A portion of every jar sold goes to help our Religious School.

WEINBERG EARLY LEARNING CENTER
It’s nearing the end of summer and maybe you have a longer “to do” list than you had imagined. Camp Minimac is here to help! Children 16 months through 5 years of age can attend our weekly sessions through August 8. Log onto our website at www.the-temple.org to access Camp Minimac information. We’d love to have your child join our happy campers for a guaranteed good time!

New Hours!
Our new Extended Day Program offers hours from 7:30am-6:00pm and is offered during both Camp Minimac and the school year along with Half Day Program hours.

We have a few spaces available in our fall classes serving children ages 16 months - 5 years. If you’d like to schedule a tour, please contact Director, Edye Summerfield, at either 404-872-8668 or esummerfield@the-temple.org.

Mini Shabbat Mornings with a SPLASH!
July 12, August 9, and September 13
Infants through preschoolers and their families are invited to join us at 9:30 am in the Covenant Chapel for singing and a story with our puppets, followed by a bagel snack and then playground time. Since it’s summer, we will have the splash pad on Sonia’s playground up and running (and if it rains, we’ll play in the WELC Indoor Playground). Please come dressed casually and bring towels if your child plans to splash. No RSVP required, and questions can go to Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus or Edye Summerfield.

Spotlight on Ronnie van Gelder
In May, we celebrated Ronnie and the 25 years of fabulous programming she has brought to our synagogue. Each program has been planned with the dedication that only Ronnie can bring; using her head, hands, and heart.

Ronnie will continue to be an integral part of our Temple family as our part-time program director. During the coming months, Ronnie will coordinate our Temple in the Neighborhood Initiative and will also execute some of our cornerstone Temple programs, such as New Member Shabbat, Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat, and Brockey-Rothschild Institute – just to name a few. Additionally, Ronnie will play a key role in the welcoming and transition of our new engagement team.

Ronnie will be working from the clergy hallway. You can reach her by phone or email (remember she won’t be in the office every day). We are blessed to be guided by Ronnie’s continued leadership and inspiration during the coming year.

REFORM MOVEMENT SHABBAT
Friday, August 1, 2014 • 6:30 pm • The Temple
Please join us for the 7th annual community-wide Reform Movement Shabbat. Members from all the Reform congregations in the Atlanta will gather to worship together as one, in a single synagogue, on Friday evening, August 1st. An oneg will follow Shabbat Worship services.

This year we will be honoring:
• Rabbi Alvin Sugarman, Emeritus, The Temple
• Rabbi Phil Kranz, Emeritus, Temple Sinai
• Rabbi Donald Tam, Emeritus, Temple Beth Tikvah

Saying kaddish? A comprehensive yahrzeit list from all participating synagogues will be read.

HAVDALAH FOR INTERFAITH COUPLES
Saturday, July 19 • 7:00pm
Those who are in an interfaith relationship are invited to join members of The Temple’s Interfaith Committee for havdalah (ceremony to end Shabbat), dessert and conversation. Space is limited so please RSVP to Rabbi Loren Filson Lapidus at llapidus@the-temple.org by July 11. Address will be provided with RSVP.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS’ SUMMER SOUL SHABBAT
Friday, August 8th • 8pm: Wine, challah and socializing
8:30: Casual, musical service • 9:30: Tisch and soul food buffet
Join Rabbi David Spinrad and musicians Sam Rosenbaum and Eli Sperling as we temporarily move our popular “First Friday Shabbat” to the second Shabbat, August 8th for a very special evening. In addition to the great vibe and excellent music featured at every First Friday, on August 8th we will have a kosher-style soul food buffet following services.

First Fridays are a part of our congregation’s ongoing efforts to further build a vibrant Jewish community, one relationship at a time, and we want members of The Temple and Atlanta’s Jewish community who are post-college/pre-children to be a part of creating something special.

Join us as we unwind from the week with conversation, music and meaningful words of prayer and stick around for BBQ, fried chicken, veggies, and more! For more information or to RSVP, contact Rabbi Spinrad at dspinrad@the-temple.org.

ZABAN COUPLES CENTER
Are you an avid shopper? Do you like spending someone else’s money? Then the Zaban Couple Center is looking for you! We need someone to shop at Sam’s Club twice a month to stock the ZCC kitchen. If you are interested please call Barbara Seligman at 770-934-3936 or email at barbara.mel@comcast.net.

We want to remind you to donate your leftover disposable plates, utensils and napkins after your events are over. We have saved lots of money over the years thanks to your help.

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Celebrate Shabbat and Shalhevet
Meet the new members
of the Engagement Team!

At The Temple
July 4th

Wear your casual red, white, and blue!

After dinner
Parking deck (bring lawn chairs)
Feel free to visit Sonia's Playground for more playtime or relax with friends there.

5pm Summer Shabbat Socializing in the Media Center Lobby

6pm Festive Shabbat Worship Service in the Chapel
Including special readings and music enhanced by guitar and mandolin.

Guests: $25 for adults, $15 for children (6-12)
Members: $10 for adults, $5 for children (6-12)
Vegetarian option available upon request.
Free chicken, cream on the cob, salad, fruit, and dessert.

7pm July 4th Shabbat Dinner
Fried chicken, corn on the cob, salad, fruit, and dessert
(Vegetarian option available upon request)

Members:
$15 for adults, $10 for children (3-12)
Guests:
$18 for adults, $12 for children (3-12)
All children 2 and under are free.

If you plan to join us for dinner, RSVP required by June 30.

To RSVP, visit our website at www.the-temple.org or call 404-873-1731.